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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/762,535	01/23/2004	Sang Woon Suh	1740-000043/US	2581

TITLE OF INVENTION: RECORDING MEDIUM WITH OPTIONAL INFORMATION AND APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING, RECORDING, REPRODUCING AND CONTROLLING REPRODUCTION OF THE RECORDING MEDIUM

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nonprovisional	NO	\$1510	\$300	\$0	\$1810	04/26/2010

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 416 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 416 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/762,535

Examiner

ADAM R. GIESY

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/8/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-6,14-16,19,20,28-30,32-34,42,57,58,60-62 and 70-78.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Wayne Young/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2627

DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 1/7/2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application No. 12/222445 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.
2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 1/8/2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on Application Nos. 11/898040 and 10/762538 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 8/6/2009 and 1/7/2010 were considered by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 14-16, 19, 20, 28-30, 32-34, 42, 57, 58, 60-62, and 70-78 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Independent claim 1 is allowed since the claim recites a computer-readable recording medium, comprising: an information area, the information area including a first region for a main data, and a second region for control information required for recording or reproduction of the main data and a bi-phased modulation data required for reproducing the control information or the main data, said control information being encoded as wobble pits, wherein the bi-phased modulation data is recorded along with a wobble pattern of the wobble pits in such a manner that bit 0 and bit 1 are determined respectively depending on a direction of a transition of the wobble pattern within a predetermined period, wherein one of the bit 0 and the bit 1 is represented by only one transition from high to low in a middle within the predetermined period and another one is represented by only one transition to an opposite direction in the middle within the predetermined period.

Claims 2, 4-6, 14, 71, and 72 are allowed as being dependent upon the aforementioned independent claim 1.

Independent claim 15 is allowed since the claim recites a method of forming a recording medium, comprising: forming a first region for storing a main data; forming a second region for control information required for recording or reproduction of the main data and a bi-phase modulation data required for reproducing the control information or the main data; and encoding the control information as wobble pits, wherein the bi-phased modulation data is recorded along with a wobble pattern of the wobble pits in such a manner that bit 0 and bit 1 are determined respectively depending on a direction of a transition of the wobble pattern within a predetermined period, and wherein one of

the bit 0 and the bit 1 is represented by only one transition from high to low in a middle within the predetermined period and another one is represented by only one transition to an opposite direction in the middle within the predetermined period.

Claims 16, 19, 20, 28, 73, and 74 are allowed as being dependent upon the aforementioned independent claim 15.

Independent claim 29 is allowed since the claim recites a method of reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising: utilizing control information required for reproduction of a main data, to reproduce the data and a bi-phased modulation data required for reproducing the control information or the main data, the control information being encoded as wobbled pits wherein the bi-phased modulation data is recorded along with a wobble pattern of the wobbled pits in such a manner that bit 0 and bit 1 are determined respectively depending on a direction of a transition of the wobble pattern within a predetermined period, wherein one of the bit 0 and the bit 1 is represented by only one transition from high to low in a middle within the predetermined period and another one is represented by only one transition to an opposite direction in the middle within the predetermined period, and wherein the utilizing step includes a step of decoding the control information by a demodulation method.

Claims 30, 32-34, 42, 75, and 76 are allowed as being dependent upon the aforementioned independent claim 29.

Independent claim 57 is allowed since the claim recites an apparatus for reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising: a signal detector to detect control information required for reproduction of a main data, to reproduce the data, and

a bi-phased modulation data required for reproducing the control information or the main data, the control information being encoded as wobble pits, wherein the bi-phased modulation data is recorded along with a wobble pattern of the wobbled pits in such a manner that bit 0 and bit 1 are determined respectively depending on a direction of a transition of the wobble pattern within a predetermined period, wherein one of the bit 0 and the bit 1 is represented by only one transition from high to low in a middle within the predetermined period and another one is represented by only one transition to an opposite direction in the middle within the predetermined period; and a signal processor, coupled to the signal detector, to decode the control information by a demodulation method.

Claims 58, 60-62, 70, 77, and 78 are allowed as being dependent upon the aforementioned independent claim 57.

The closest prior art by Aoki et al. (hereinafter Aoki – JP Doc. No. 09-081938) discloses an optical disc wherein pits in the lead-in are intentionally wobbled for the purpose of determining copyright aside from the track wobble which serves as an address identifier for the lead-in tracks. Aoki does not disclose specifically wobbling the pits in order to encode control information which is necessary for recording or reproducing data from the main data of the disc.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ADAM R. GIESY whose telephone number is (571)272-7555. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am- 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne R. Young can be reached on (571) 272-7582. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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